



Welcome to LaPorte County Highlights 2005 Edition

This publication is provided annually for each of Indiana's 92 counties, 11 Economic Growth Regions, and the State of Indiana.

Each publication includes a variety of demographic information: population, labor force estimates, industry employment, industry annual average wages, and firms and employment by size.

If you need further information about your area, you may call the regional analyst listed below. If you need labor market information for other areas, you will find a map of the regional analysts at the back of this publication and posted on our Internet website under Resources.

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Region 1: Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Newton, Jasper, Starke, and Pulaski counties.

Region 2: St. Joseph, Elkhart, Marshall, Fulton, and Kosciusko counties.

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SUMMARY OF LAPORTE COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

LaPorte County's population estimate for 2004 was 109,755 down 0.3 percent from the 2000 Census total of 110,106. The estimated population made up 1.8 percent of Indiana's total 2004 estimated population of 6,237,569.

As of the 2000 Census 59,409 people twenty-five years of age or over were high school graduates and/or had post-high school education. That represented 80.6 percent of the twenty-five and up county population. Of that population 10,312 or 14.0 percent were four year college graduates or greater. In 2004, of the 1,362 persons graduating high school that year 508 or 37.3 percent intended to go on to higher education.

The county "labor force" represents workers who reside in the county no matter where they work. In 2003 persons living in but commuting to work out of the county was 10,861 or 16.2 percent of the labor force. The outside area where the largest number of LaPorte County residents went to work was Porter County. The county "work force" represents all workers employed in the county no matter where they reside. In 2003 persons commuting to work into the county from outside areas was 7,533 or 11.8 percent of the work force. The area sending the most number of persons into the county to work was Porter County.

The estimated average unemployment rate for 2004 was 6.0 percent, above Indiana's average 5.2 percent. The county's unemployment rate was based on an estimated average residential labor force of 52,970. Of that labor force 49,770 were employed and 3,200 were unemployed.

For year 2004 there were 44,659 jobs at industries within the county. The largest employing industry in the county was Manufacturing having 20.6 percent of the total industry employment with Government second at 16.5 percent. The industry showing the most growth in workers over a three year period (since 2001) was Health Care & Social Assistance increasing by 422 workers or 7.6 percent above the 5,521 of 2001. Of employers in the county 15.4 percent employed 20 or more workers and they represented 77.3 percent of all in-county employment.

The all industry average 2004 earnings for the county was \$30,067 per year versus Indiana's \$34,692. The county average wage was an increase of 7.5 percent over 2001's county industry average wage. Three of LaPorte County's 20 industry sectors (including government) had annual average earnings greater than the Indiana average for those industries. The county's Utilities industry had the highest average earnings at \$71,523 per year with Management of Companies second at \$56,110, while the industry with the lowest annual earnings number was Accommodation & Food Services at \$10,114. The same industries statewide paid an average \$62,844, \$66,805, and \$11,572 per year, respectively.

POPULATION

LAPORTE COUNTY POPULATION

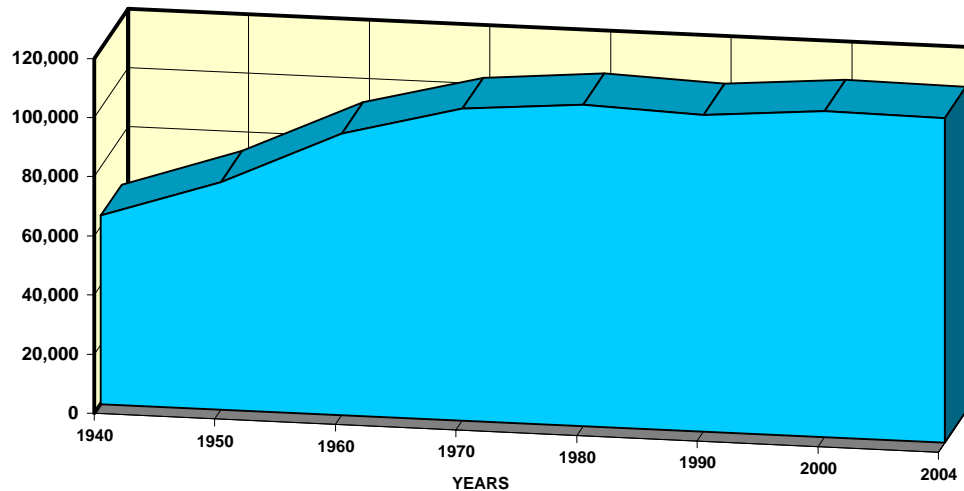
COUNTY AND CITY POPULATION

COUNTY AND CITIES / TOWNS	1990	2000	2004	CHANGE 1990 TO 2000		CHANGE 2000 TO 2004	
				#	%	#	%
LAPORTE CO	107,066	110,106	109,755	3,040	2.8%	-351	-0.3%
Michigan City	33,822	32,900	32,179	-922	-2.7%	-721	-2.2%
LaPorte	21,507	21,621	20,982	114	0.5%	-639	-3.0%
Westville	5,255	5,230	5,062	-25	-0.5%	-168	-3.2%
Trail Creek	2,463	2,296	2,213	-167	-6.8%	-83	-3.6%
Long Beach	2,044	1,559	1,536	-485	-23.7%	-23	-1.5%
Kingsford Heights	1,486	1,453	1,411	-33	-2.2%	-42	-2.9%
Wanatah	852	1,013	990	161	18.9%	-23	-2.3%
LaCrosse	677	561	556	-116	-17.1%	-5	-0.9%
Michiana Shores	378	330	332	-48	-12.7%	2	0.6%
Pottawattomie Park	281	300	301	19	6.8%	1	0.3%
Kingsbury	258	229	236	-29	-11.2%	7	3.1%

LAPORTE COUNTY POPULATION 1940 TO 2004

YEAR	POPULATION	CHG FROM PRIOR YR	% CHANGE
1940	63,660	NA	NA
1950	76,808	13,148	20.7%
1960	95,111	18,303	23.8%
1970	105,342	10,231	10.8%
1980	108,632	3,290	3.1%
1990	107,066	-1,566	-1.4%
2000	110,106	3040	2.8%
2004	109,755	-351	-0.3%

POPULATION OF LAPORTE COUNTY TO 2004



EDUCATION

LAPORTE COUNTY EDUCATION DATA

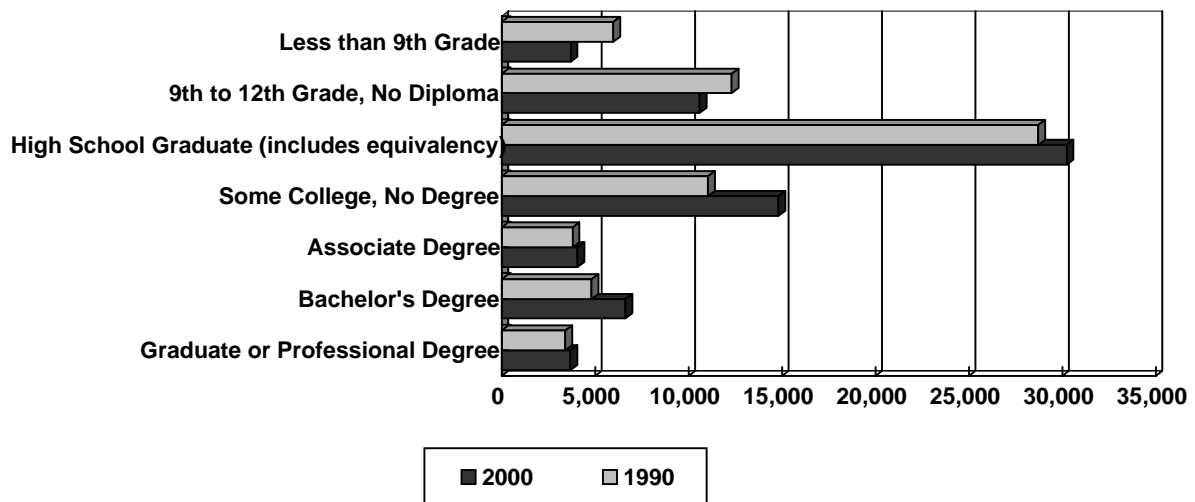
2004 H.S. GRADUATE HIGHER EDUCATION INTENT

EDUCATIONAL INTENT	NUMBER	%
Graduated High School in 2004	1,362	100%
Total to Higher Education	508	37.3%
Four-Year Institution	355	26.1%
Two-Year Institution	98	7.2%
Vocational/Technical Institution	55	4.0%

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT - POPULATION 25 YEARS & OVER

EDUCATION	1990		2000	
	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%
Less than 9th Grade	5,981	8.5%	3,706	5.0%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	12,310	17.6%	10,608	14.4%
High School Graduate (includes equivalency)	28,716	41.0%	30,234	41.0%
Some College, No Degree	11,052	15.8%	14,804	20.1%
Associate Degree	3,809	5.4%	4,059	5.5%
Bachelor's Degree	4,814	6.9%	6,633	9.0%
Graduate or Professional Degree	3,420	4.9%	3,679	5.0%
TOTAL - POPULATION 25 YEARS & OVER	70,102	100%	73,723	100%

LAPORTE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT 2000 Versus 1990



Sources: Indiana Business Research Center - Stats Indiana, and U.S. Census Bureau

LABOR FORCE

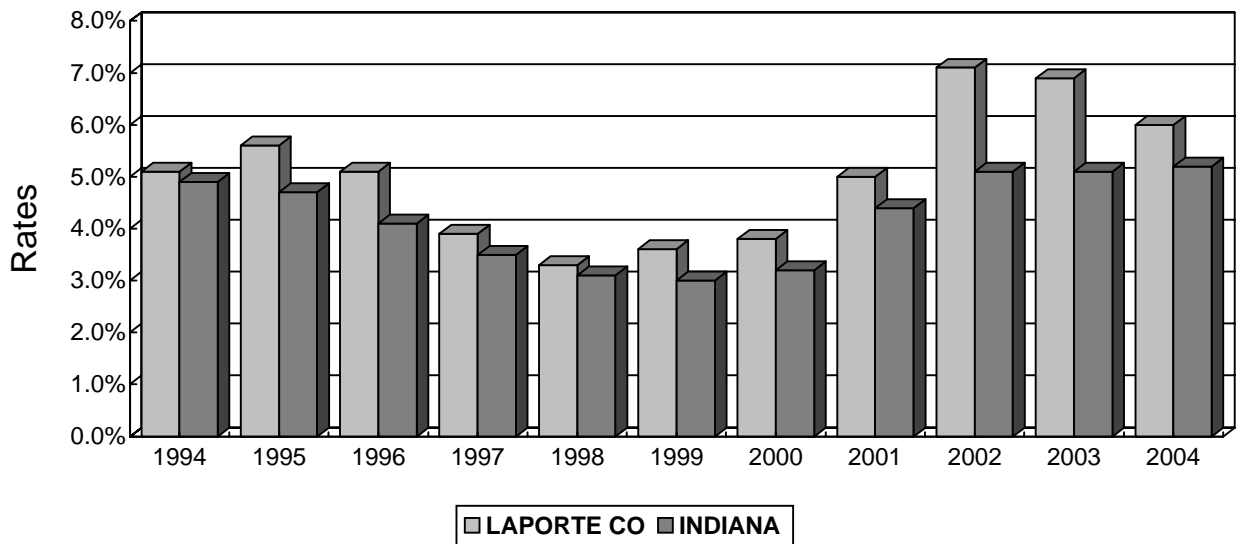
LAPORTE COUNTY LABOR FORCE

(1994-2004)

YEAR	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	LAPORTE CO RATE	INDIANA RATE
1994	54,780	52,000	2,780	5.1%	4.9%
1995	56,490	53,350	3,140	5.6%	4.7%
1996	54,680	51,910	2,770	5.1%	4.1%
1997	54,740	52,580	2,160	3.9%	3.5%
1998	54,270	52,470	1,800	3.3%	3.1%
1999	53,570	51,660	1,910	3.6%	3.0%
2000	53,180	51,180	2,000	3.8%	3.2%
2001	53,590	50,900	2,690	5.0%	4.4%
2002	55,010	51,110	3,900	7.1%	5.1%
2003	54,150	50,420	3,730	6.9%	5.1%
2004	52,970	49,770	3,200	6.0%	5.2%

Data for some years have been revised from earlier published numbers for those years.

LAPORTE COUNTY & STATE OF INDIANA Average Unemployment Rates 1994-2004



Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

COMMUTING PATTERNS

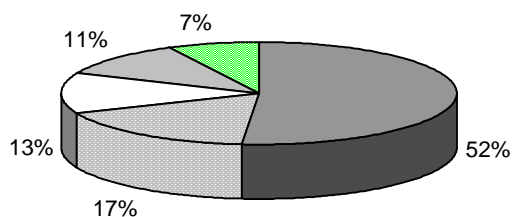
LAPORTE COUNTY COMMUTING PATTERNS: YEAR 2003

Number of persons who live in the county and work (labor force)	67,225
Number of persons who live and work in the county	56,364
Number of persons who live out of and work in the county	7,533
Total number of persons who work in the county (work force)	63,897

Top five counties sending workers INTO LaPorte County:		
Porter County	3,418	
Lake County	1,157	
St Joseph County	857	
Starke County	742	
Michigan (state)	494	
Total of above	6,668	equals 10.4% of work force

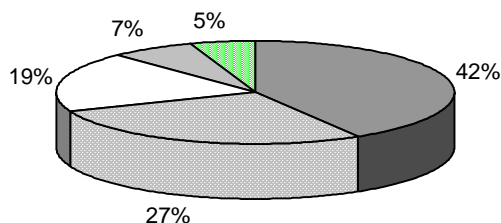
Top five counties receiving workers FROM LaPorte County:		
Porter County	3,974	
St Joseph County	2,637	
Lake County	1,828	
Michigan (state)	646	
Other states	517	
Total of above	9,602	equals 14.3% of labor force

WORKERS INTO LAPORTE COUNTY
From Top 5 Counties / States



■ Porter
 □ St. Joseph
 ■ Michigan (state)
 ■ Lake
 ■ Starke

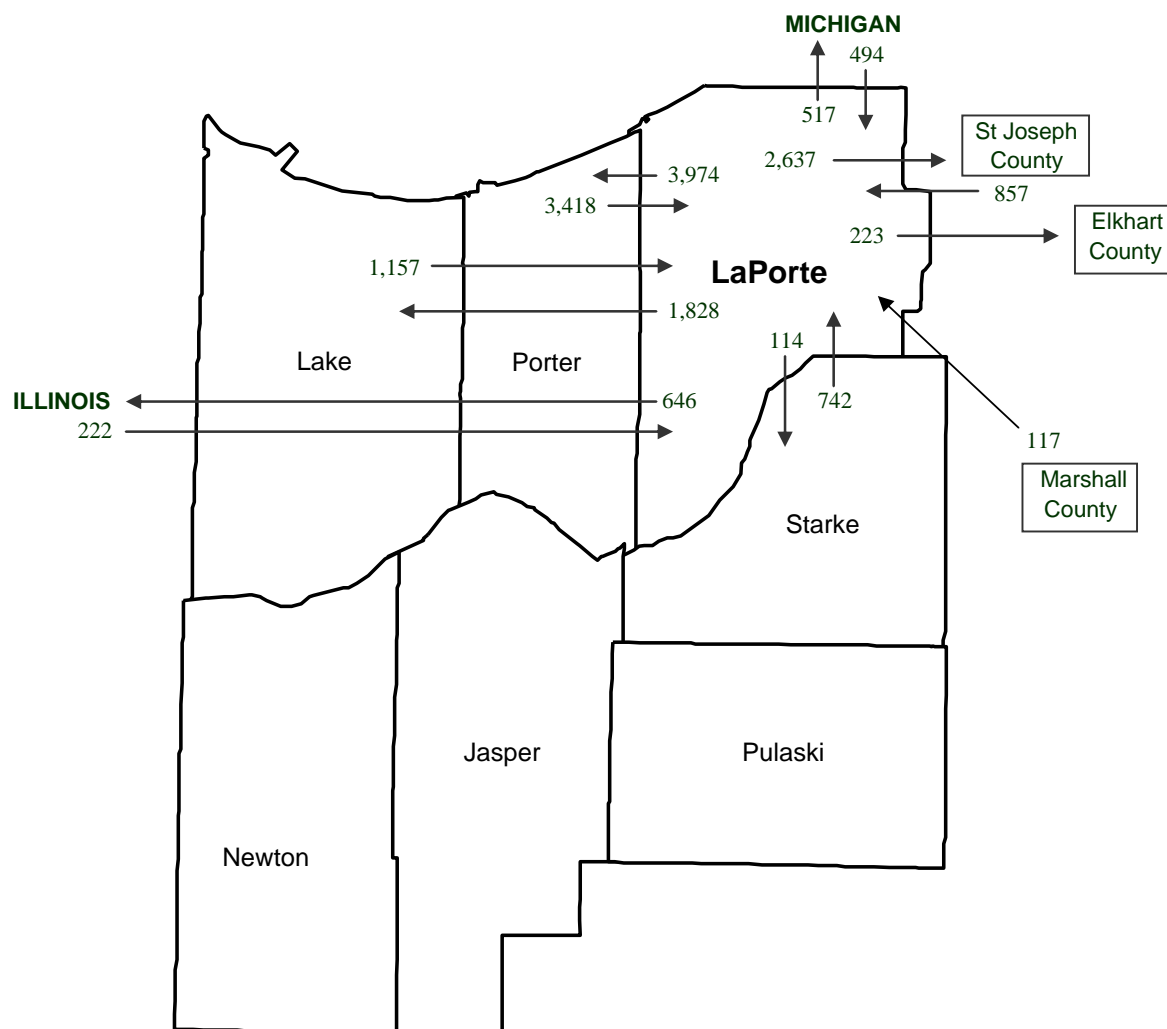
WORKERS OUT OF LAPORTE COUNTY
To Top 5 Counties / States



■ Porter
 □ Lake
 ■ Other States
 ■ St Joseph
 ■ Michigan (state)

COMMUTING MAP

LaPorte County 2003



Data source: Indiana Dept. of Revenue
Based on income tax returns for Tax Year 2003

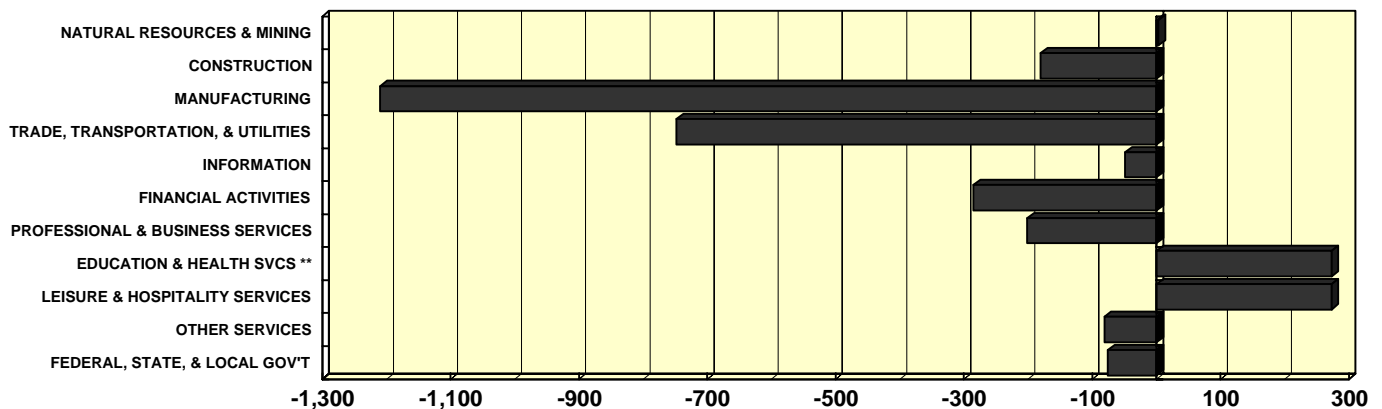
Counts of under 100 are not included.
Noncontiguous state counts not included.

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

LAPORTE COUNTY AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY 2001 to 2004

INDUSTRY SECTORS (NAICS)*	2004 NO. OF FIRMS	AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT				NUMERICAL CHANGE 2001-2004	PERCENT CHANGE 2001-2004
		2001	2002	2003	2004		
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT **	2,494	46,868	46,311	45,413	44,659	-2,209	-4.7%
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	40	342	339	401	345	3	0.9%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	36	248	236	262	255	7	2.8%
Mining	4	94	103	139	90	-4	-4.3%
CONSTRUCTION	313	2,341	2,333	2,257	2,161	-180	-7.7%
MANUFACTURING	201	10,406	9,432	8,980	9,196	-1,210	-11.6%
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, & UTILITIES	640	9,061	8,761	8,387	8,313	-748	-8.3%
Wholesale Trade	147	1,181	1,143	1,195	1,207	26	2.2%
Retail Trade	413	5,975	5,775	5,645	5,617	-358	-6.0%
Transportation & Warehousing	75	1,609	1,567	1,290	1,238	-371	-23.1%
Utilities	5	296	276	257	251	-45	-15.2%
INFORMATION	30	724	723	690	675	-49	-6.8%
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	192	1,503	1,534	1,624	1,218	-285	-19.0%
Finance & Insurance	105	869	867	873	882	13	1.5%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	87	634	667	751	336	-298	-47.0%
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	295	2,901	2,845	2,632	2,700	-201	-6.9%
Professional & Technical Services	167	805	734	718	750	-55	-6.8%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	6	49	65	81	84	35	71.4%
Administrative & Waste Services	122	2,047	2,046	1,833	1,866	-181	-8.8%
EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES **	240	8,890	9,255	9,421	9,163	273	3.1%
Educational Services **	44	3,369	3,327	3,241	3,220	-149	-4.4%
Health Care & Social Assistance **	196	5,521	5,928	6,180	5,943	422	7.6%
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY SERVICES	252	4,820	5,136	5,155	5,093	273	5.7%
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	34	1,462	1,477	1,556	1,532	70	4.8%
Accommodation & Food Services	218	3,358	3,659	3,599	3,561	203	6.0%
OTHER SERVICES	225	1,417	1,336	1,307	1,336	-81	-5.7%
FEDERAL, STATE, & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	94	7,449	7,577	7,477	7,373	-76	-1.0%

Change in LaPorte County Industry Employment 2001 To 2004



* NAICS - North American Industry Classification System. ** Includes private and government employment in this industry.

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Notes: 1. Data may not add to total due to rounding, suppression of confidential numbers, inclusion of unclassified data, and duplication of government employment numbers. 2. Industries listed are "private industry" unless otherwise noted.

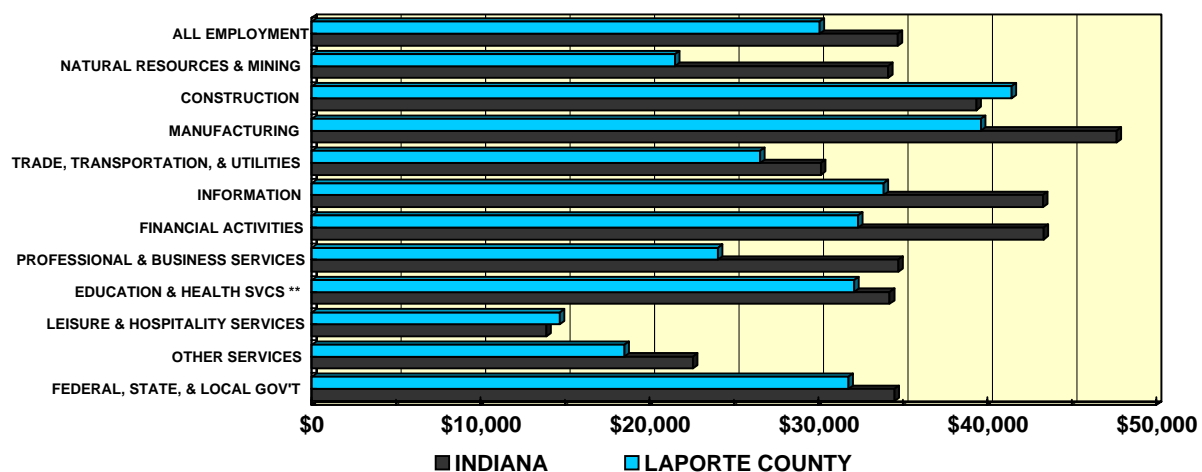
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INDUSTRY EARNINGS

LAPORTE COUNTY AVERAGE EARNINGS BY INDUSTRY 2001 to 2004

INDUSTRY SECTORS (NAICS)*	LAPORTE COUNTY				2004	
	2001 WAGES	2004 WAGES	CHANGE 2001 to 2004		INDIANA 2004 WAGES	LAPORTE % DIFFERENCE FROM INDIANA
			DOLLARS	PERCENT		
ALL INDUSTRIES **	\$27,958	\$30,067	\$2,109	7.5%	\$34,692	-15.4%
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	\$22,956	\$21,510	-\$1,446	-6.3%	\$34,100	-58.5%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	\$22,319	\$21,981	-\$338	-1.5%	\$25,459	-15.8%
Mining	\$24,722	\$20,255	-\$4,467	-18.1%	\$49,836	-146.0%
CONSTRUCTION	\$37,729	\$41,428	\$3,699	9.8%	\$39,344	5.0%
MANUFACTURING	\$36,468	\$39,589	\$3,121	8.6%	\$47,638	-20.3%
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, & UTILITIES	\$24,743	\$26,530	\$1,787	7.2%	\$30,129	-13.6%
Wholesale Trade	\$35,710	\$36,866	\$1,156	3.2%	\$46,109	-25.1%
Retail Trade	\$17,863	\$19,713	\$1,850	10.4%	\$21,447	-8.8%
Transportation & Warehousing	\$34,788	\$38,252	\$3,464	10.0%	\$35,142	8.1%
Utilities	\$65,408	\$71,523	\$6,115	9.3%	\$62,844	12.1%
INFORMATION	\$28,318	\$33,863	\$5,545	19.6%	\$43,280	-27.8%
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	\$25,964	\$32,331	\$6,367	24.5%	\$43,310	-34.0%
Finance & Insurance	\$31,856	\$36,321	\$4,465	14.0%	\$48,406	-33.3%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	\$17,928	\$21,831	\$3,903	21.8%	\$28,857	-32.2%
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	\$20,774	\$24,052	\$3,278	15.8%	\$34,704	-44.3%
Professional & Technical Services	\$28,029	\$31,121	\$3,092	11.0%	\$45,323	-45.6%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	\$40,255	\$56,110	\$15,855	39.4%	\$66,805	-19.1%
Administrative & Waste Services	\$17,451	\$19,775	\$2,324	13.3%	\$22,731	-14.9%
EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES **	\$29,674	\$32,089	\$2,415	8.1%	\$34,204	-6.6%
Educational Services **	\$28,267	\$30,764	\$2,497	8.8%	\$33,107	-7.6%
Health Care & Social Assistance **	\$30,533	\$32,807	\$2,274	7.4%	\$34,962	-6.6%
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY SERVICES	\$14,329	\$14,667	\$338	2.4%	\$13,873	5.4%
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	\$23,769	\$25,243	\$1,474	6.2%	\$25,803	-2.2%
Accommodation & Food Services	\$10,221	\$10,114	-\$107	-1.0%	\$11,572	-14.4%
OTHER SERVICES	\$17,504	\$18,495	\$991	5.7%	\$22,548	-21.9%
FEDERAL, STATE, & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	\$29,759	\$31,745	\$1,986	6.7%	\$34,478	-8.6%

LaPorte County and State of Indiana 2004 Earnings comparison



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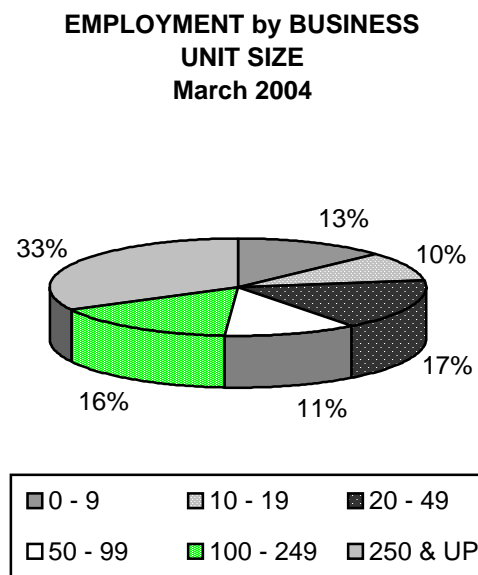
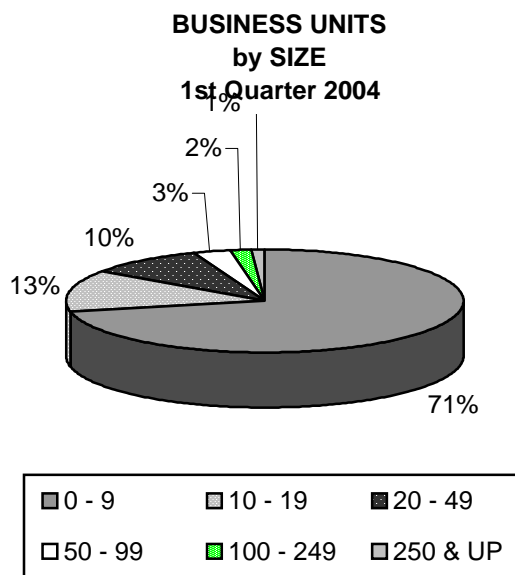
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FIRMS & EMPLOYMENT BY SIZE

LAPORTE COUNTY FIRMS and EMPLOYMENT by SIZE

EMPLOYMENT SIZE CLASS	NUMBER of BUSINESS UNITS 1ST QUARTER 2004	EMPLOYMENT by SIZE OF BUSINESS UNIT MARCH 2004
0 - 9	1,807	5,686
10 - 19	322	4,289
20 - 49	241	7,509
50 - 99	74	5,005
100 - 249	47	7,031
250 & UP	26	14,458
TOTAL	2,517	43,978

Includes Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees.



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Unemployment Insurance Division



DESCRIPTION OF THE NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

For over sixty years, industry information has been compiled using the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system. Since 1993, the industry data tables in this publication were classified by SIC.

Beginning with the 2002 issue of the Highlights report, new industry data tables are based upon the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

Developed jointly by the United States, Canada and Mexico to produce comparable data, NAICS was introduced in 1997 to replace the SIC system. Because of its' scope and complexity, the transition to NAICS has taken three years to complete and is now effective beginning with 2001.

NAICS provides a more specific classification system reflecting the economy's changing industrial composition. NAICS focuses on *how* products and services are created, as opposed to the SIC focus on *what* is produced.

This reorganization has created breaks in the industrial classification time series. Even though, for example, the **Manufacturing** industry group is still listed, the current statistical data for **Manufacturing** may not be comparable to what was previously shown.

Example: *An industrial machine company has its employment offices in a separate building. Those workers may now be listed in the **Professional and Business Services** industry under NAICS, rather than in **Manufacturing**.* The same is possible for other industries.

NAICS uses a six digit hierarchical coding system to classify all economic activity. NAICS-United States allows for the identification of 1,170 industries compared to the 1,004 found in the SIC system. NAICS classifications are reviewed every three years. For purposes of this publication we will be classifying economic activities into 11 NAICS 'super sectors' and 15 NAICS sectors.

The following is a listing of the NAICS 'super sectors' we will be using:

Natural Resources & Mining includes agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, and mining.

Construction

Manufacturing

Trade, Transportation & Utilities includes wholesale and retail trade, utilities, transportation, and warehousing.

Information includes publishing, motion pictures, sound recording, broadcasting, Internet publishing, telecommunications, ISPs, search portals, data processing, news syndicates, libraries, and archives.

Financial Activities includes finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing.

Professional & Business Services includes professional, scientific, and technical services, management of companies and enterprises, administrative/support, and waste management and remediation services.

Education & Health Services includes educational and health services, health care, and social assistance.

Leisure & Hospitality includes arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services.

Other Services includes repair, maintenance, personal, laundry services and religious, grant making, civic, social, and professional organizations and private households.

Federal, State & Local Government includes total government employment.

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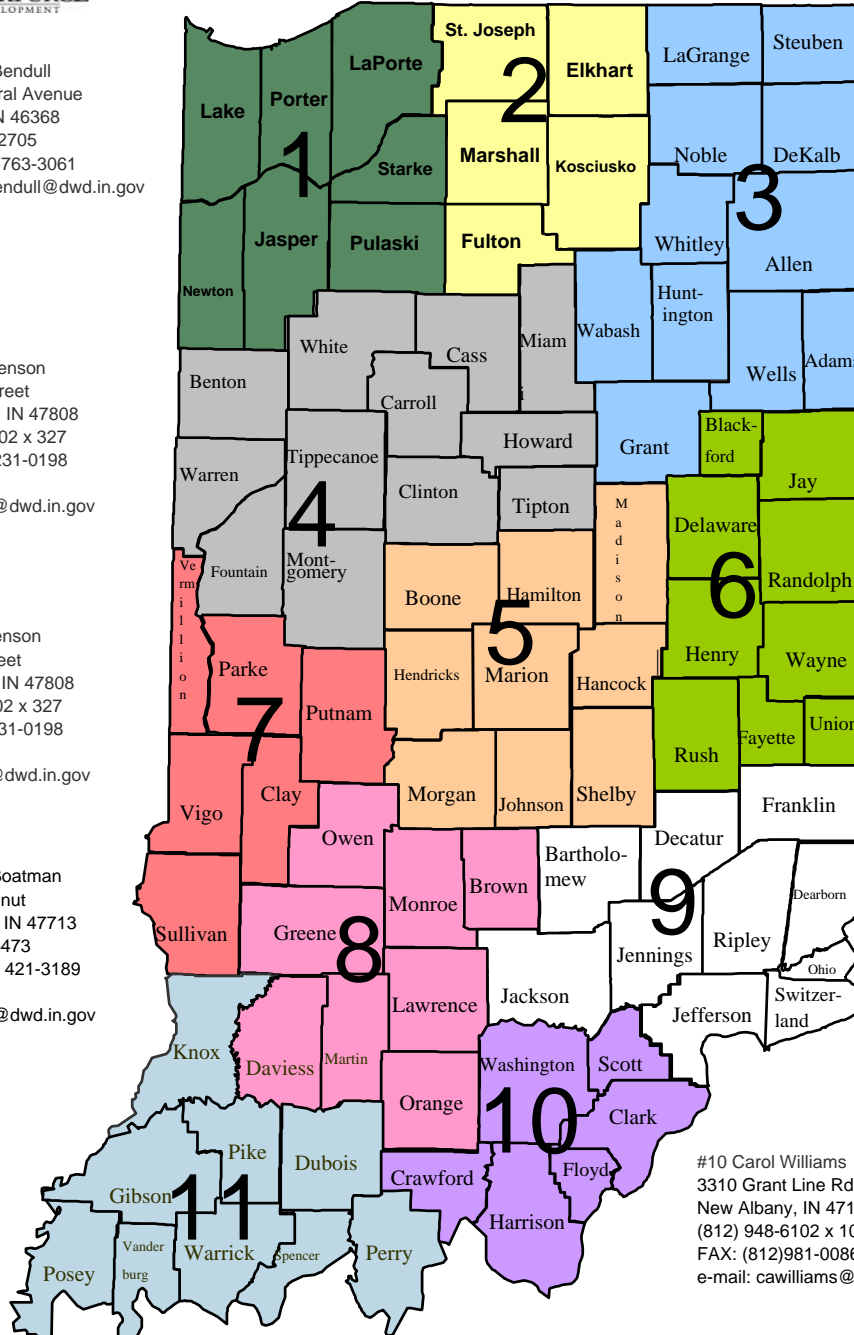
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